

Controversial Caf Competition

by Michael Z. Kellman

A new convenience store, run by the YU Department of Food Services, welcomed students upon their arrival this semester. The store, located in the basement of the Rubin dormitory, is situated across from the cafeteria in a space formerly used as a lounge. While almost all students benefit regularly from the new commissary, many are concerned that it constitutes unfair competition for the Yum Yum Shoppe, a privately-owned campus eatery.

In addition to food, the YU store offers a wide variety of other products. From paper goods to shoe polish, many of the household items which students crave can be found in the new store. Most of these new items were suggested by students in meetings with the Food Services Committee over the last six months. According to Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Services, the decision to open the store was made by the YU Food Services department in order to have "a facility on campus where students could use their dining cards to make purchases not only for meals but for food in-between meals." The new store is also a partial response to complaints by students about the meal plan's inflexibility. "We did promise them that it would be something that would improve over time...and hopefully that is what's happening." He claims that they are "really insuring that the dining card program is successful and is

positive."

Across the street, one hears a different story. Irwin Raskin and Phil Haber, proprietors of The Yum Yum Shoppe, complain that the new Caf store "conflicts with us a lot...they basically took the blueprints of our store and made it their store." Raskin noted that the Caf store has a much lower overhead because they are subsidized by the University Food Services Program. He concluded that, "There is no competition because they don't have the overhead, they have no rent, they have no electricity costs. Immediately they can offer lower prices."

But surprisingly enough, the Caf store does not. In a comparison of prices on items of equivalent size which are stocked by both establishments, the Caf store did not seem to be underselling Yum Yum's on a majority of articles. In the deli section, Yum Yum's makes bigger sandwiches (6-8 oz. as opposed to only 5 oz. in the Caf store) and charges less per ounce. For a salami or bologna sandwich, Yum Yum's charges only \$3.00 to the Caf store's \$4.00. And even the other deli sandwiches, such as pastrami, roast beef, corned beef and turkey, while costing more at Yum Yum's, still cost less per ounce.



Photo: D. Blendis

New Caf store serving students' needs

Despite all this, there remains concern that Yum Yum's will be run out of business. The new Caf store has several advantages over Yum Yum. First, its location makes it more accessible to students. More importantly, the Caf store provides its customers with the option of using their dining cards to make purchases.

Haber and Raskin claim that they have noticed a drop in business since the opening of the new establishment and ask, "If a store like this exists for the college community already, what's the necessity of having a second one?"

Yet Rosengarten sees the situation differently. He points out that it is Food Services job to serve the students. "It is our responsibility, and it really isn't anyone else's...we can't rely on somebody else, so we have to do it. We're pleased when other people can also make a living off the economy here, but it's not really our first concern in anything we do." He feels no obligation to the other stores in the neighborhood

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Senior Dinner Leaves YCSC Hungry

\$7000 Allocation in Question

by Joel Haber

As a direct result of poor communication between last year's Student Council and Senior Class, this year's YCSC is starting with a confused view of its current financial situation that will likely result in funding cuts for upcoming student activities.

The primary debate surrounds last year's Senior Dinner. Senior Class Presidents Avi Lopin and Gita Ehrman estimated the cost of the dinner to be \$18,000. However, after collecting payment from the students who planned to attend the dinner, the Senior Class only had \$11,000. To make up the difference, they consulted YCSC and SCWSC Presidents Steve Felsenthal and Lisa Horowitz who allocated \$1500 from each council's account as well as \$4000 from the joint Capital Expenditures account. This account contains funds for joint projects of Yeshiva College and Stern College.

The bill for the dinner, however, amounted to over \$22,600. The discrepancy can be attributed to the presence of roughly thirty unpaid seniors at the dinner, as well as some extra charges due to overtime and other minor expenses. Lopin and Ehrman felt deeply apologetic about this \$4,600 miscalculation and acknowledged that it was "unprofessional and showed a lack of foresight." Speaking on behalf of himself and Ehrman, Lopin stated that "it is both of our responsibilities to account for this money which probably is going to come from our pockets." He added that they may have to work out an alternate method of reimbursement.

Even greater complications ensued when the \$7000 which had been allocated to the dinner was never returned over to the Senior Class. Felsenthal asserted that: "Any bills or costs YCSC was given we paid or there was money left to pay those bills. Any costs not given to us by the Senior Class we didn't know

about." Felsenthal explained the method through which all allocations were handled last year. After appropriating the funds to the specific student organization, a member of the organization would have to ask Stacie Nussbaum, last year's YCSC Treasurer, for a check when the cost arose.

Lopin, however, claims he asked Felsenthal for the money numerous times but "the \$7000 was never deposited into our account." As of press time, the outstanding hotel invoice has not been paid by the Senior Class or YCSC.

At the end of the year, YCSC left about \$8000 in their account for this year's board. It was meant, according to Felsenthal, to cover the Senior Dinner and certain internal expenses owed to the University which had not yet been billed to YCSC. The original Capital Expenditures check drawn was for \$7000. It was earmarked as \$4000 for the Senior Dinner, \$2000 for the Sy Syms Dinner, and \$1000 for the Sigma Delta Rho journal, "Abstracts." This check was given to Reuven Harow of the Sy Syms Dinner Committee who then returned a check for \$5000, thereby taking the \$2000 allocated to the Business Dinner. That \$5000, says Felsenthal, remains with the other \$3000 of leftover money in the YCSC account. Felsenthal explained that if the remaining \$8000 does not cover all expenses it is due to the difficulty of predicting the internal costs; he claimed that the administration was slow in billing.

Dean of Students Efreim Nulman felt that any past errors should not influence this year's student government "either fiscally or programmatically" and that it "can and will continue to function." Current YCSC President, David J. Kay concurred, saying, "Operations shouldn't be affected if we are careful with our expenditures."

Alumni Group Comes Through for YCSC, Commentator

by Jay Bailey

The President's Circle, a group of young alumni dedicated to providing for today's YU students' needs, donated \$10,000 this week for the purchase of computer equipment intended for the new student offices in the Schottenstein Center. The donation comes at a crucial time, when budget cuts would not have made these purchases possible for YCSC.

One of the computers will enhance The Commentator's outdated layout system. The rest of the equipment (five computers and two laser printers) will be available for student club use, as well as for printing resumes and term papers. One complete system will be arranged on a rolling cart to enable it to circulate between Student Council offices.

Chairman Louis Tuchman explains the Circle's motivation: "Our group was founded to fill the gaps that we, ourselves, perceived as student leaders. We get together with students in order to ascertain their

needs, and then do our best to handle them. So far we think we have been very successful." Each of the eighteen members of the President's Circle donates \$5,000 per annum toward a fund that is subsequently appropriated for projects they deem important.

Though few students have heard of the President's Circle, this group has made profound differences in the lives of the Yeshiva student body. For instance, the Circle sponsored ten students who went to Tallin with YUSSR this summer, remodeled the Stern Lobby, rebound all sefarim in the Beit Midrash that needed repair, funded last year's Tefilin check, and donated an English Judaica section of the Beit Midrash for JSS students. In addition, a substantial sum is allocated to a secret chessed fund that



President's Circle Co-Chairman Louis Tuchman and Robert J. Kantowitz

Dean Nulman uses to help needy students to purchase books, food and clothes. Currently under serious consideration is a \$10,000 proposal from Dean Nulman to enhance the Shabbat program.

As The Commentator went to press, the Circle announced that they have arranged for New York Times columnist A.M. Rosenthal to speak at YU on December 4th. Before his presentation, Mr. Rosenthal will have dinner with members of the President's Circle and student leaders, and a small reception will follow. Additional details will follow in the November 5th issue of The Commentator.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

JAY BAILEY



I beg your indulgence as I violate a literary taboo and begin my column with a dictionary definition. The Random House Revised College Dictionary describes "paranoia" as "characterized by systematized delusions and the projection of personal conflicts, that are ascribed to the supposed hostility of others." Paranoia is irrational; it is a trait displayed by one whose confused view of the world around him yields terror and overprotection.

Is Yeshiva University paranoid? Do I, in this year's debut edition of The Commentator, dare ascribe a mental disorder to the bastion of Centrist Orthodoxy?

Yeshiva University's doctrine of Torah U'Madda prescribes a "worldly" approach to our lives, combining the primacy of Torah and the reality that we are living in a secular society. Quite foreign to us should be the concept of stretching the existing, accepted boundaries of Halacha for the sake of saying we are "frum."

Student leaders were shocked to learn recently that women will not be permitted in the new Schottenstein Center without special approval by Dean Nulman. If all goes well, the third floor of the building will be a busy work center for the student newspapers, the radio station, and every student council, club or society, many of which are co-ed. Someone, it seems, does not feel that it would be "Yeshivish" to include females in this arrangement. In a bizarre redefinition, "the powers that be" have declared that the lounge on Schottenstein's third floor is not meant to serve as a location for social interaction!

The Student Activities floor, the only one open at night aside from the Belz School of Music, is a large rectangular room with no dark corners or suspicious hiding places. Offices will be occupied by student leaders

and club members working on various projects throughout the year. In terms of its simple floor plan, we may choose to contrast it to Belfer Hall or Gottesman Library, both of which were built with a bounty of quiet, private areas ideal for 'social' interaction. And would you believe it? The administration's paranoia does not penetrate into these buildings. Members of the female persuasion are welcome to roam these cavernous labyrinths.

The invoking of what I'll call "YUlacha" is nothing new; the student body has long been frustrated by the VCR restriction in the dorms. As it is feared that we may view unsuitable films, this blanket



means that speech and drama students must go elsewhere to work on projects and homework. In a Theater Arts class, for instance, students must purchase a film and view it tens of times for analysis.

It is crucial that the reader does not misinterpret my complaint as the words of a Liberal; I am in no way suggesting that we relax our attitude toward the fundamentally rigid yet wonderfully fluid set of rules we call Halacha. I am not suggesting that we allow students to act outside of a Halachik framework as a manifestation of their "free will." Any student enrolled in YC necessarily commits himself, at least while he is on campus, to the lifestyle of Orthodox Judaism.

But it is a mistake - a lamentable, misguided move - to add this unfounded restriction to our Hashkafa. The overprotective regulations I challenge are not based on any specific Halachot. Instead, they are meant to maintain a specific

"mechitza" atmosphere on campus. Is this our philosophy? We run uncountable social events, we sponsor co-ed clubs and societies, and produce publications that are joint ventures of both YC and Stern students. As a matter of fact, WYUR's female staff *does* have access to Schottenstein, as long as they are on a special list approved by the administration. I can find no logic or consistency in the pseudo-hysterical fanaticism that keeps some women out of a building.

College students (and perhaps YU students in particular) are notorious for their skill in manipulation; we bend rules, find or construct loopholes, and pull as many strings as we can get our hands on. This craftiness is a manifestation of arrogance and the difficulty to understand the framework of laws that do not immediately

and personally affect us. The administration rightfully keeps an eye on students by closely scrutinizing academic records, monitoring YCSC spending, and keeping decorum on campus. But to 'help' us with our personal social restrictions by shielding us from situations that do not involve *issurim* in the first place? I am one of the many students who is deeply offended by this distrust.

Please understand - my original intent was to write a cheerful, enthusiastic column for this first issue of a new year. There is, indeed, much to be excited about on campus, and I have no desire to be critical in such an optimistic time. Yet, I was so disturbed by the radical move of the - yes, I'll use the word - *paranoid* "yeshivish" component of Yeshiva University, that I was compelled to save my optimism for a time when I felt more comfortable identifying with YU.

the year was non-existent during the month of June.

During Elul, Burns Security decided that they would turn Muss Hall into a minimum security prison. Each night, after 1:00 a.m. and including Yom Kippur, they would come around to make sure that the rooms were locked. Failure to lock your room earned a "ticket" and a threat of a report to the Dean. Of course one might wonder where security is during Chanukah time when the students of Muss would prefer to light their menorahs k'hilchata outside their rooms and Burns could easily provide a guard in case of fire, but that is for another time. Burns also continued the I.D. check in Elul even though the Gulf war had come to a conclusion. New students to the Yeshiva did not have their cards and experienced difficulties entering many of the buildings. When they went to get a card from security they were told that they would have to wait until school started.

Finally, Yeshiva University managed to directly hamper the learning of Torah. On Sundays during Elul,

Furst Hall was locked which meant that the majority of shiurim had no place to meet. The obvious solution of opening the building was foregone for a more creative one, and consequently all shiurim met in the three rooms in Tannenbaum Hall.

The bottom line in all of this is that while Rabbi Charlop is working to make these z'manim a success many other elements in the University are working against him. Why is this? With so many departments within in the University it becomes difficult to fault any one division or person. At the same time it becomes very easy for each to avoid responsibility. Thus, we must look higher up, to the president and vice presidents. Recently, some have taken to calling Rabbi Lamm, "Rosh HaYeshiva." Where was this Rosh HaYeshiva when students were looking for meals for Rosh Hashanah? What kind of message is he sending to the various departments throughout the University so that the nonexistence of food services goes unnoticed. Has he forgotten that RIETS is the *raison d'etre* of the University? As one

present at the graduation ceremonies this past May, I'm afraid I know what the message is (hamavin yavin!)

Evan Herbsman
YC '91

Tears for Terror

To the Editor,
Inflation has a numbing psychological effect. After a while, as the numbers grow, people who originally get irate over small rises begin to accept much greater increases. They learn to live with the inflation, accepting it as part of every day life which has to be accepted.

That is exactly what is happening in Israel today. It isn't the rise of economic inflation but rather the inflation of terror. Not a day seems to go by without an act of terror or attempted terror in Israel. In the past

In My Opinion:

Michael Schacter

I always have known that it existed in other colleges, but in Yeshiva University? I still can't believe it. Some professors in our Yeshiva College are using the 'bell curve' as their grading system. We all know how it works. Most of the class receives the middle grades between B and C, while those few at the extremes of the bell receive the A's and D's. (Those students heading for F generally drop the course).

Obviously, your grade will depend heavily on how the rest of your class does. The poorer they do, the better your chances are of getting a high grade. But it isn't often that your class consists only of morons. Most of the time you find yourself competing against students who want the A as badly as you do. And since there are only a limited number available, you can't help but to hope that your classmates do poorly. And I must admit that it hurts me to write about it, and it hurts me even more to do it. But, this is the position that professors in Yeshiva

College have forced us into. Believe it or not, this is the same yeshiva that saw to it that everyone would learn the same Gemara this year. Why? In order that each student should be able to assist the next. And it's really a shame that as soon as we walk out of our shiurim, we're forced to turn our backs on our classmates.

**WANTED:
MORONS
FOR MY
ENGLISH
CLASS**

A man by the name of Stephen Grellet, a Quaker evangelist, once wrote, "I expect to pass through this world just once; any good thing that I can do, or any kindness

that I can show to any fellow man creature - let me do it now." We must be allowed to help our classmates. We should be urged to help them - not discouraged. It should be the dream of every professor to have a class in which every student helps the other to achieve the A, and eventually for every student in that class to in fact get that A. It's time to take a step towards that dream. It's time to give the students the grades that they earn and deserve. It's time to do way with the 'bell curve'!

*The Commentator and YCSC would like to thank
The President's Circle
for their generous donation of
computer equipment to be used in our new
Schottenstein Center offices.*

*It is our hope that we will one day be able to
follow in the footsteps of these past student
leaders in demonstrating dedication and concern
for the YU student body even after graduation.*

months we have seen dozens of innocent Jews killed in the State itself and in the territories. The public grows numb. It has come to accept as natural, life with terrorist bombs and attacks. That which, years ago led Jews to attack Arabs and demand action, now sees them accepting it.

The more attacks, the greater the acceptance of them as a way of life. The more that die the less we seem to be able to look upon them as individuals who lived and have left behind both wives and children. We must realize that with every comes more than the pain of the assassinated, but also the pain of a whole grieving family which is left behind. Our failure to see each occurrence as earth shattering and unthinkable in our Jewish state, must arouse our understanding that this can not continue. Every victim is a fellow Jew. Every death is a chillul Hashem. Our apathy, our acceptance of this situation only guarantees further deaths, cripples, and agony and anguish.

If Jews are not able to walk ev-

erywhere in the State of Israel without having to worry about stonings, firebombs, knifings, and other terrorist attempts then there is obviously something wrong. The situation can not continue, it must stop.

The State of Israel was designed to help the Jews escape these attacks which are blatantly anti-semitic, we can't ignore the pain of other Jews. We must try to feel their pain and to realize that there is terror in the State of Israel. And to try to our best abilities to pray for a solution, and to try to comfort the victims' families and not ignore these martyrs.

The inflation of terror in the State of Israel is far more serious than the price of oil at the gas pumps. If the United States can go to war because of the price of oil, Israel should use all of her force to get rid of the terrorists among us.

Michael Reichel
YC '92
Member of Victims of
Arab Terror

CAMPUS NEWS

YCSC News

The YCSC Board held their first open meeting on Tuesday night, October 8th. The first matter discussed was co-sponsorship of computer sales to students. In return, YCSC would receive from the computer company a portion of the proceeds. The board also voted on outside tzedaka organizations running fund-raising events on campus. Lastly, the uncertain future of radio station WYUR was discussed. An informal book sale was held in Morg lounge on Wednesday night, October 9. It brought together people selling their old books and those looking to buy. YCSC hopes to make photocopiers available in Morg and Schottenstein for student use in the immediate future. We are simply waiting for Jeff Sobel to hook them up. A blood drive will take place on October 23-25. Of course, the newly completed Schottenstein Student Center have been divided between various student organizations. The book sale was a good night at Pockets nearby. There will also be selling candy, grapes for \$1 to help with the exchange of phone numbers between YC and SCW. The Jewish Center held their second annual cruise around Manhattan on Thursday night. On this year from the Jewish Center for 23 magnificent students. For Service is available. We will be at the door of Morg, 214. Our books are available and are being sold.



Perry Addresses College Republicans

Ronald Perry, the Republican candidate for the 7th District seat on the City Council, addressed the College Republicans last Wednesday night. The speech drew approximately fifty students from both YC and SCW.

Perry expressed his views on such issues as drugs and crime in the Washington Heights vicinity. He also appealed to the students to start businesses in "enterprise zones" such as our neighborhood.

The speech was billed as a discussion on the Clarence Thomas hearings, but Mr. Perry only touched on them briefly, and many students expressed their disappointment. As Joshua Pollack, YC senior and vice-chairman of the Young Democrats, said, "I came to hear him speak about the Thomas nomination and I was upset he didn't address it." However, most students maximized the question and answer period after the talk and found the speaker enlightening. Jillian Borowich, (sister of past YCSC Vice President David Borowich) SCW sophomore, felt that Perry was "a dynamic speaker and he was very interesting."
--Joel Haber

Dorm Counselor Appointment Justified

Dan Faber, just back from a year in Israel, has been appointed Head Resident Advisor of Ruben Hall, amid complaints that others just as capable and with more seniority were slighted.

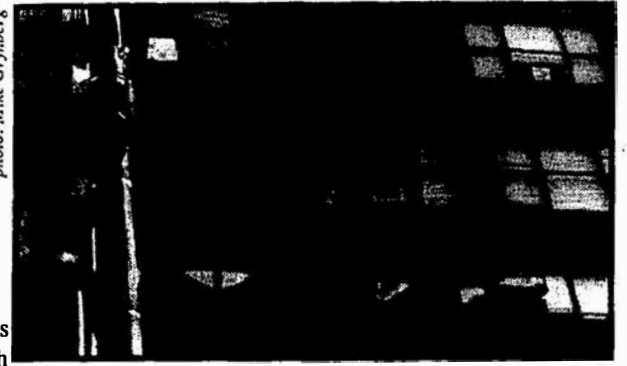
In recent years, the resident advisor selection process has been widely criticized; allegations range from favoritism towards YP students to glaring oversights. Residence Hall Director Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, who hires the advisors, defended his choice by assuring the new Head Advisor is extremely qualified despite his being in Israel last year and in YU for one semester prior to that. In addition, the position was suddenly made vacant at the end of the summer, and the need a replacement was critical.

Rabbi Cheifetz also quelled suspicions of his favoring YP students by proclaiming that

the hiring process shows no bias towards any particular Jewish studies program: "If the student has the leadership and guidance skills, as well as the experience and dedication needed to fill the position, he will be chosen regardless of the program he attends." However, Rabbi Cheifetz did stress that he does prefer students who plan on obtaining Semicha, as this provides stability and a low turnover ratio in the staff.

The scarcity of IBC and JSS advisors can be largely attributed to the lack of applicants. This year provided evidence to Rabbi Cheifetz' claims as a single applicant outside YP and RIETS applied, and was subsequently hired for the position of Head Resident Advisor of Ruben Hall.
--Doron Storfier

photo: Mike Grynberg



Plaster Surgeons

Morg Gets Facelift

As the residents of Morgenstern Hall arrived at 2525 Amsterdam Avenue for the beginning of the 1991 Fall semester, the Department of Facilities Management greeted them with a notice informing students that repairs were being performed on the facade of the dormitory. In compliance with New York Local Law 10, which requires owners of buildings containing six or more stories to inspect their structures' exterior walls every five years, YU hired a licensed engineer to examine Morgenstern Hall.

According to the May issue of the "Apartment Law Insider", the deadline for submitting a report on the structural soundness of an older building, such as Morgenstern Hall, is February 21, 1992. Owners who allow unsafe conditions to remain after the deadline risk sustaining significant penalties.

A private contracting company, Jerrik Waterproofing, is performing the repairs on Morgenstern Hall which include recaulking the ceilings around windows and brick pointing, a procedure designed to prevent bricks from shifting out of alignment. According to a Facilities Management spokesman, the repairs should be completed by the beginning of December; until then, residents of Morgenstern will continue to endure unexpected window visits from Jerrik employees suspended on scaffolds.
--Martin Goldberg

Freshmen No Longer Disoriented

The members of the Class of 1995 kicked off their YC careers with a five day orientation program that was highlighted by a club fair, Shabbat at Yeshiva, and a trip to Neil Simon's "Lost In Yonkers." Orientation organizers chose to run the club fair in an informal, relaxed atmosphere as opposed to the "lecture" approach employed in past years. YCSC President David J. Kay stated that he had never seen a fair that was so productive and "just so much fun!" The program was run by the Freshman Orientation Committee, which, led by Moshe Zwebner and Jeremy Bandler, sought to provide warmth and direction to the incoming freshmen.
--Joseph J. Sussman

EMT Course Offered

The Yeshiva College First Aid Society has announced a Fall semester Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) accreditation course in both the Fall and Spring semesters. While usually offered in the Spring, student interest has prompted arrangement for the Fall course which is currently filled to capacity. Additionally, there are plans to have an Advanced EMT course, designed to train EMT's in advanced life saving skills. Also to be offered, several CPR and basic first aid courses through

out the school year for those interested in learning basic and essential life saving skills. An eight hour CPR course at Yeshiva College will take place on Sunday Oct. 27 and Sunday Nov. 3 between 1PM and 4PM.

If you would like more information, or if you are interested in taking one of these courses you may contact the First Aid Society president, Daniel Gleich at (212) 740-2698 or the vice president, Elliott Strauss at (212) 927-9461.
--Daniel Gleich

Business School Forum Draws Record Crowd

A record crowd of over 200 SSSB students were by greeted faculty and student government leaders at last Tuesday night's business school reception. The event, which was held at Stern College's Koch Auditorium, was organized to give students an opportunity to meet the SSSB administration and the various clubs. VIPs in attendance included Dean Schiff, Assistant Dean Jaskoll and SSSB Student Association Presidents Laizer Kornwasser and Malka

Raul. Students attending the reception were informed of SSSB plans for the year. Some of the programs discussed were: the Business Journal, the Annual Business Dinner and SSSB's crowning achievement: the Mitsui Forum. On December 11th, the CEO of Proctor and Gamble will address business students as part of the national Mitsui Forum.

Chief Rabbi Visits

Hundreds of singing students and members of the Sephardic Club welcomed Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu to the main Beit Midrash last Wednesday.

Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, Dean of MYP, introduced the Rishon L'Tzion.

The topic of Rabbi Eliyahu's shiur was Bari V'Shema, a certain claim and an uncertain claim (when two parties face each other in court). He quoted from masechet Bava Metzia (which most of the school is studying) in his discussion of the rabbinic disagreements on case rulings where these claims are appli-

photo: YUPR Dept.



HaRav Mordechai Eliyahu in the Beit Midrash

cable. Students were clearly impressed with both the breadth of Rabbi Eliyahu's knowledge and his clear explanations of the topic's complexities.

The Rishon L'Tzion explained that it is every Jew's primary obligation to learn Torah, but added that activities which facilitate Torah study are also extremely important.

Although everyone enjoyed the shiur, some

felt that time would have been better spent had the Chief Rabbi spoken on an issue of hashkafa. As YC Senior Hayyim Angel said, "I thought the shiur was excellent; however, when the administration invites someone of such great stature, they should ask him to speak on a broader topic to get talmidim to think."
--Ari Bernstein

SSSB Now Hiring

by Michael Eisenberg

The Commentator has learned of an imminent shakeup in YU's undergraduate business school, marked by the scheduled departure of Dean Michael Schiff in January, and by that of Dr. Kenneth Grossberg in June, due to the rejection of his tenure application. Regarding his decision, Dean Schiff stated, "I am leaving because originally I came for five years to start a business school. I believe I have accomplished that task." He added, "This is now a first rate business school with a recognized faculty, excellent placement services and a student body that I am very proud of." The administration is now searching for a new dean.

Professor Gets Fulbright, Not Tenure

by Michael Eisenberg

Dr. Kenneth Grossberg, Professor of Marketing at SSSB, was awarded a Fulbright Visiting Professorship to Israel for the upcoming academic year.

Dr. Grossberg came to SSSB three years ago after many years in the private sector with Citibank as their Chief of Strategy for Asia-Pacific Division of Consumer Service Group. He spent nine years in the Far East and has been involved in research of Japanese issues and markets for twenty years. Dr. Grossberg brought to SSSB a wealth of expertise in international marketing, a field in which the business school was lacking, prior to his arrival. Additionally, he brought a Mitsui USA Foundation grant to SSSB. Mitsui is one of Japan's largest trading companies.

Dr. Grossberg received the Fulbright for his proposal to study the Japanese-

DEAN SY SYMS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Yeshiva University seeks a Dean for its Sy Syms School of Business. The successful candidate will have the vision needed to guide a young school as it evolves and clarifies its mission, placing major emphasis on teaching.

The Sy Syms School, founded in 1985, is an undergraduate business school with a major in accounting, as well as a general business major with several subordinate concentrations. The school enrolls a selective student body at both of the University's undergraduate locations in Manhattan.

The Syms School of Business has the benefit of an advisory board consisting of business and communal leaders who support the school and its programs. The Dean is expected to work with this board.

The appointee will also be a successful leader in business education with prior experience in academic administration at least at the level of department chair, with particular interest in curricular and faculty development. Prior experience in a business leadership position is a plus. The Dean is also expected to have an advanced degree, preferably a doctoral degree, in an appropriate discipline. The position is available in January 1992; however, we expect the new Dean to be in place no later than the summer of 1992. Please send resumés and applications to: Dr. Egan Brewer, Executive Vice President, or fax your resumé to 212-962-0866.



Ad placed by YU in The New York Times

Is the refusal of the administration to grant Dr. Grossberg tenure part of a larger scale plan that will reshape SSSB? Dean Schiff staunchly denies this, stating that "There is no connection between the proposed changes in faculty activity and Dr. Grossberg's not receiving tenure. The granting of tenure is a decision made by the president of the university." Although Schiff

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Israeli business relationship, the bearing of the boycott upon it, and the future prospects for its development. Dr. Grossberg is excited by the prospect of researching this issue, "at a time when changes are occurring in the relationship between Japan and Israel. There appears to be a warming in the relationship and I hope I can contribute to its future prospects." Dr. Grossberg added, "I am interested in seeing Israel establish economic ties with Japan."

Dr. Grossberg is most enthusiastic about moving to Israel with his family for the coming year. "I lived in Japan for nine years and I always wanted to live in Israel; now I am getting my chance."

Union Protests Mistreatment

by Michael Dyckman

Members of Local 1199 attempted to stage a rally on Monday October 7, to protest recent layoffs by the University administration. The workers' union, of which approximately 600 YU employees are members, had its demonstration disrupted by YU Security and New York City Police.

According to Edgar Aracena-Bradur, the local union organizer, 1199 possessed all of the proper permits necessary for such a rally. The protesters assembled outside Belfer Hall, but were then told they would have to relocate to Tannenbaum Hall. After moving to that location, police denied the workers an area in which to demonstrate. YU's Director of Supporting Services, Jeffrey Rosengarten, remarked that the union's story "pretty much rang false." Speaking in general terms, he explained that certain laws had been violated, mostly concerning the use of loudspeakers and where the workers were to march.

Tension between the union and administration heightened this year as a surprising number of workers have been handed their pink slips. In addition, there have been many complaints concerning the treatment of these individuals.

According to Aracena-Bradur, the local organizer for the union, YU management first informed workers of their layoffs in mid-July, and only then sat down to provide explanations. The union suggested methods of "softening the blow" such as imposing a hiring freeze or reducing workers' salaries instead of firing them.

Rosengarten denied this report and explained the need for the recent layoffs: "As the [current] financial crisis has worsened, we've had to downsize staff to remain healthy...it's pretty much the way one needs to operate a business. The Administration decided that cost-saving methods would be selective; we should cut costs where we can." One example cited was of the recent decision to cut funds for Housekeep-

ing services, leaving students to clean their own rooms. Rosengarten explained that there were specific decisions made by the Administration in an effort to minimize the overall impact of cutting costs.

When asked about Union allegations that dismissals were improperly handled, Rosengarten first denied Aracena's account of the union's attempt to cut their own salaries. He then explained the University's policy on firings: "Yeshiva University has the power to hire and fire...we don't automatically have to provide notice to the union. But we chose to sit down with the union and try to work out the situation and accommodate some people. When the union asked if there were other ways of solving the University's financial problems other than through layoffs, we provided alternative means like selective freezes."

Relations between University employees and the administration worsened as Yeshiva College students began to arrive at the Joel Jablonski Campus. The union distributed a flyer which informed students of its problems and "struggle" with the administration. The flyer also provided the story of one recently fired worker, Juan Santana, whose daughter was diagnosed as an epileptic. Without Santana's medical benefits, the flyer read, the family now has even deeper problems.

During a recent interview, some union workers offered suggestions to the administration and Mr. Rosengarten. Jeanette Rodriguez of the YC Admissions office declared "If there is such a financial crisis, there shouldn't be any overtime for workers, and no temporary employees!"

Rosengarten replied that "some overtime is cheaper and some isn't; therefore, we decided to cut back on overtime, but not to erase it completely." On the subject of temporary employees, Rosengarten said, "We decided to begin the year with temps in certain areas, like food service, and then to later see where we can cut back."

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Pool Makes a Splash

by Carey Schreiber and David Flato

The latest addition to the Joel Jablonski campus was envisioned Benjamin Gottesman himself. An avid swimmer, Mr. Gottesman wanted to give Yeshiva students the opportunity to enjoy themselves in this respect as well.

Construction of the pool was supervised by Director of Personnel Jeffery Rosengarten, Director of Facilities Man-

track of the chemical levels and also controls the water temperature and the air surrounding the pool.

The locker room also consists of a dry sauna and steam room. These have been well accepted by the students and have quickly become popular hang-outs. "Jay Bailey and I had our first meeting of the year in the 'shvitz'," says David J. Kay, president of YCSC. "It was a most relaxing atmosphere, and we plan to continue the custom."

Also included in the pool complex is a whirlpool which doubles as a mikva. The installation of the mikva was a late addition to the plans and required relatively minor adjustments. Despite the fact that the High Holidays have passed, the mikva will undoubtedly become a convenience in the fu-

ture. Only YC students are permitted to use the facility at this time. SCW students were excluded from the outset of the project. There was Rabbinic concern that this would be problematic in terms of student behavior and the character of the Joel Jablonski Campus. To be consistent in their decision, the administration has barred graduate students from the pool. "It's a terrible thing that graduate students

are not allowed to use the pool," says Steven Felsenthal, past President of YCSC and current graduate student. Yet, if male graduate students were allowed entrance, there would be a problem of having to offer female graduate students a similar opportunity.

The pool has prompted the founding of YC's newest club, appropriately named, the Swim Club. Club President Stephen Wallach is working closely with Hal Klugerman, the pool's manager, to begin

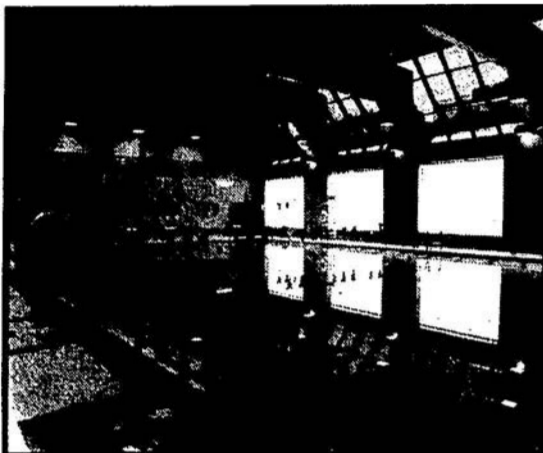


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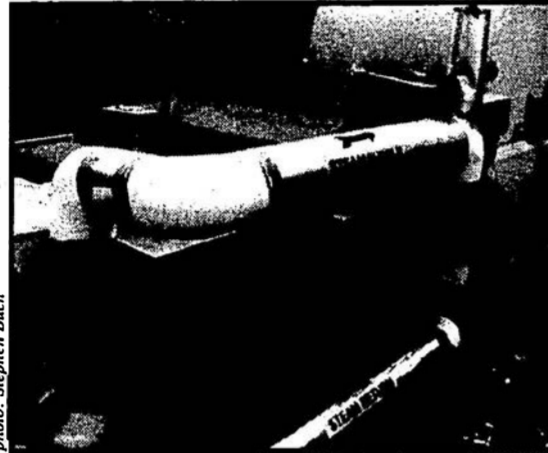


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The Lean, Mean, Steam Machine

agement Jeffery Socol, and architect Douglas Rogers. The three met with a top construction firm on a weekly basis. Mr. Gottesman remained involved in the planning to ensure the students a great facility. Rosengarten quoted Mr. Gottesman as saying that "If we're building a pool, we might as well go all the way."

And they certainly have. The pool, along with the rest of the facility, is monitored by a high-tech computer system. This keeps

keep the chlorine levels at the least irritating rate". The pool offers a great opportunity for all members of the Yeshiva College student body. More importantly, it will give the majority of students who do not take part in competitive sports a chance to get some athletic activity. The fact that it was designed with such thought and care for student interest adds to students' excitement. This excitement is shared alike by the members of the administration. During his interview, Jeff Rosengarten showed off the framed plans with pride. Rosengarten, with a smile on his face concluded, "This time there is nothing sexy or scandalous to report, everything went as planned and the result is a beautiful product."

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Schott Finally Reaches Target



by Torin Rutner

Gazing up at the aesthetically pleasing facade of the newly renovated Schottenstein Center, one is overcome with a great sense of awe. Originally built in 1922, the Center started out as the Soloveitchik Yeshiva. It is hard to imagine that after the yeshiva moved out, the building was neglected and exposed to the harshest elements for many years. What the Center holds today is the first facility on the YU campus dedicated entirely to student life.

The big question on students' minds for the last four years (Commentator head-

line, October 1, 1987: "Student Center Moving Toward Completion") is why did it take so long to finally open? According to Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Services Administration, "It was like opening up a Pandora's box." Because the building was neglected for so many years, renovation took longer than expected. During the renovation, each structural problem solved was followed by the discovery of ten more. Rosengarten added, "We were looking to make it safe and comply with today's code while not taking away from the original flavor of the building." Late this summer, the certificate of occupancy was finally given,

at the same time that the new pool received one.

The new Center houses the most modern student facilities. The third floor contains numerous student offices for YCSC, The Commentator, YCDS, SOY, many other clubs on campus, as well as a special section dedicated to WYUR. The radio station's allotment, as well as the large Commentator office, were stipulations of the original donation for the Center. The Belz School of Music now has soundproof listening and rehearsing rooms, and modern classrooms equipped with grand pianos. The Shank Synagogue will (hopefully!) be available for lectures

and is the prime historical showpiece of the Center.

Administrators and students alike appear pleased with the new Center. Dean Nulman has expressed, "This Center will be the hub of student life, to be the best place to communicate with the students and will be a driving force on campus."

The Center is "a welcome improvement to student life this year and has the potential to enhance campus life and increase student involvement," commented YC Junior Class VP David Perl.

Schottenstein will fulfill many student needs, especially for those requiring "odd" or late-hour access. YCSC Vice President Steven Usdan remarked, "The student reps will now have a place to do their work without disturbing their roommates, and the Center ushers in a new sense of student importance." David J. Kay, YCSC President, is proud of the fact that the student activities center on the third floor will be set up with computers and laser printers (see related story, page 1) and "will provide all clubs, councils, and societies with more than enough room to spread out and work efficiently."

Kay added, "My only strong regret is in the tremendous potential of the beautiful lounge that is lost because of decisions made by University administrators. The lounge could become a wonderful place to hang out with your friends, be they male or female, without the stigmas attached to Morg Lounge and the Stern Lobby. Instead, the University's adamant refusal to allow women entrance into the building will likely prevent the lounge, which eagerly awaits the arrival of students who want to just kick back and relax, from ever becoming a true student center. Nevertheless, it will finally meet the demand for a twenty-four hour study hall come the onset of finals." The general hours of operation, however, will be Sunday-Thursday, 3:00 p.m.- 1:00 a.m. Student leaders on a list approved by Dean Nulman will be granted 24-hour access. Security recommends that all students utilize the vans to transport them to the Center.

A Second Pool??

by Stephen Buch

After extensive research, The Commentator has uncovered, in the recesses of the Tannenbaum building, the existence of a second, subterranean pool. The pool seems to have remained hidden for an uncounted number of years and never saw any... human use. Its precise location also remains maddeningly elusive. Before going any further, it should be pointed out that only one pool actually exists on campus and there really never was any other pool. Nevertheless, all the pervasive, albeit false, RUMORS are intriguingly outlandish.

One RUMOR that is particularly persistent and elaborate is the story of a pool beneath the Tannenbaum gymnasium. This theory also explains the low ceiling - i.e. a high floor. Several tenured faculty members and even a few maintenance men testified to the existence of a concealed pump room. They provided lurid details.

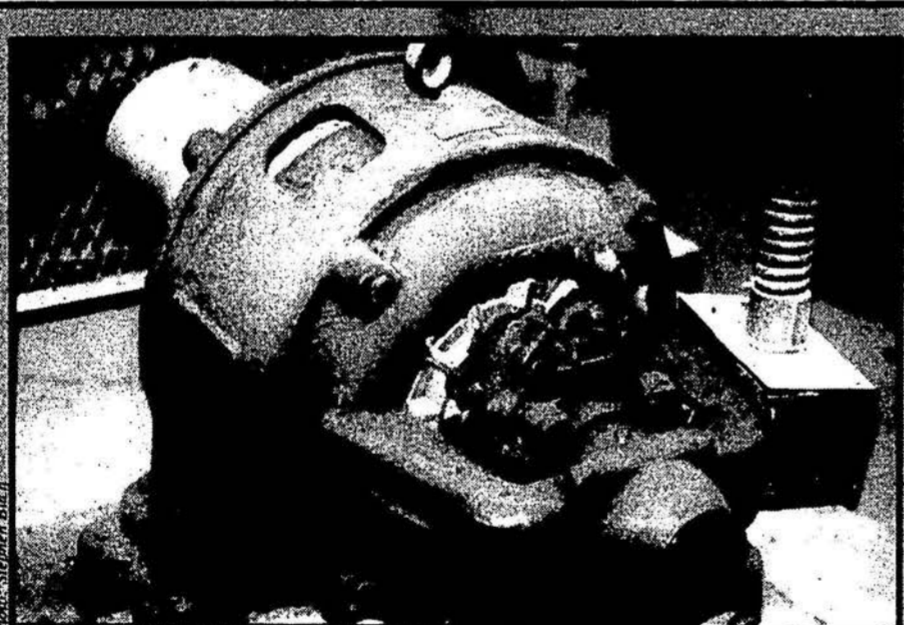
So the RUMOR goes, if one is brave enough to venture down into the bowels of Tannenbaum one would find amid all the mammoth machinery, duly blanketed with inches of dust and eerie cobwebs, the huge, ancient pumps, complete with dozens of hand-crafted leather pulley straps all allegedly intended for YU's "first" pool. No doubt this RUMOR was perpetuated by feelings of intense disap-

pointment that the new, "second" pool would be exclusively for YC students.

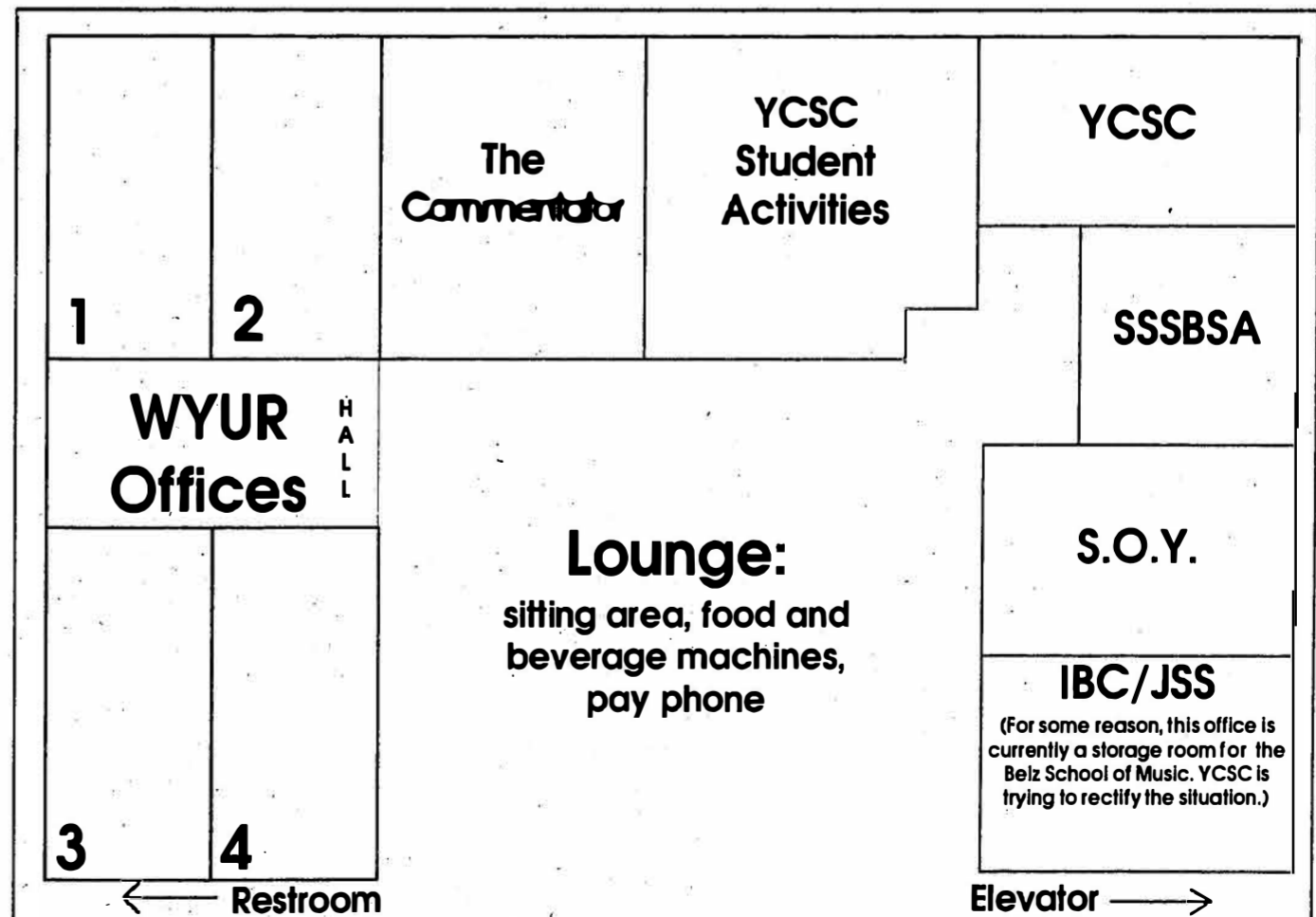
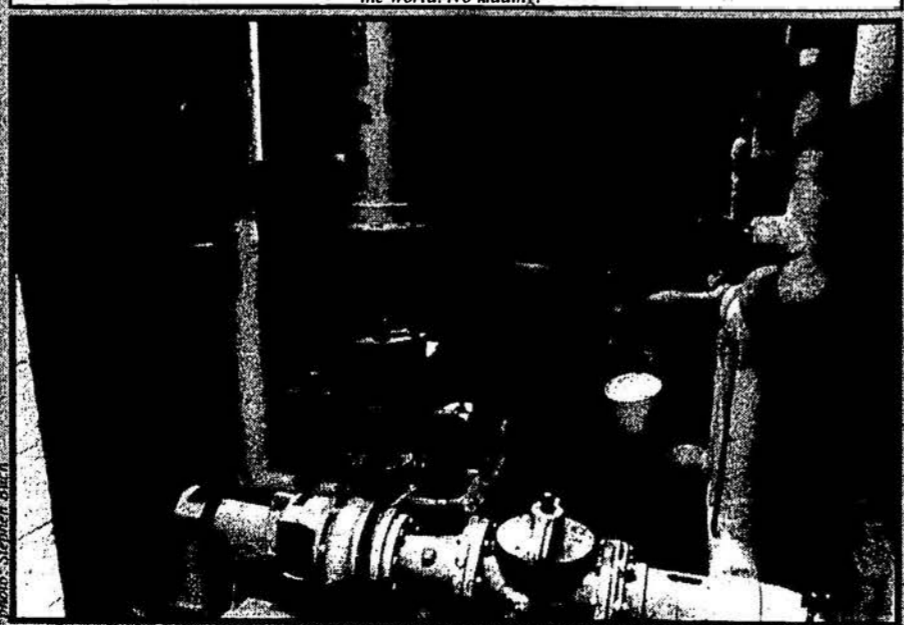
What of the pump room, the pool, and all the "lurid details"? Well, there is a room with some big old pumps and there is a pool of water... er... fluid... er... dark slurry standing stagnant in a deep cavity at the base of one of the pumps. And yet, this is not a pool pump room. Instead, the room serves a slightly different purpose. It is the (official) sewage ejector room. It should now be quite clear that these RUMORS are not filled with anything that might be called fact. Hopefully, this vile RUMOR is now finally flushed out.

Fortunately, it does not seem that YU's latest pool stands in any danger of sharing the fate of the "first" pool or of hosting wrestling practice, line-drive basketball, or midget sporting activities. It does seem that YU has planned a bit more carefully this time. Indeed, the new pool is a super-duper ultra high-tech 122,486 gallon experience, described in the parlance of Plant Operations as a customized European energy management system with voltage transformation, electrical rectification, milli-amp stuff, and DIRECT CURRENT! There is no sewage ejector room for the new pool, nor any such... RUMORS.

Next week, The Commentator will discuss the new set of outdoor swimming pools in Tenzer Gardens.



In contrast to this vintage 1920 sludge pumper (above), this brand new ultra tech computerized system (below) can actually adjust air and water temperature to a tenth of a degree from any touchtone phone in the world. No kidding!



J Bailey

Floor Plan for the Gempel Student Activities level of the Schottenstein Center

IBC Adjusts to Tighter Schedule

by Stephen Buch

Budget cuts and initially meager pre-registration have brought severe changes in the IBC program. Although currently there are almost the same number of students in IBC as there were in the spring - about 100 - these students have only half the options in course offerings as before. IBC has also suffered dislocations to its faculty and staff.

During the summer, IBC students received mailings which listed all the changes to their catalog of offerings. Courses were cut in every department. The Jewish Education department has been temporarily discontinued. In the Jewish History department, the actual offerings have

been changed such that only two of the originally proposed courses remain. The Bible, Jewish Philosophy, and Judaic Studies departments have been reduced significantly. Similarly, Talmud and Hebrew Language courses have been trimmed. Overall, the IBC schedule has effectively been halved. Looking back on this semester's changes, the new dean, Rabbi Dr. Michael Shmidman, admits that "there are one or two instances in which we should have kept an extra section." Dean Shmidman also agrees that more electives should have been offered.

The reduction of courses also involves a reduction in staff. Students in IBC this year will not have the opportunity to learn with Rabbis

Arm, Carmy, Elman, Shachter, Steiner, Wohlgelemer, or Dr. Tawil. Circumstances behind the reductions vary greatly. Rabbi Arm and Dr. Tawil were relieved of their positions at the University. Rabbi Wohlgelemer has chosen to take a leave of absence. But, for most cases, limited student registration for particular courses made certain sections "luxuries" and were subsequently cut.

Generally, professors who have had their roles at IBC diminished are understanding. Many of them have been reassured that they remain valued members of the YU community and will teach at IBC in the future. Dean Shmidman recognizes that there are "talents at YU for whom positions must be made."

For the future, Dean Shmidman plans to ensure that all students will be able to take full schedules every semester. He is considering the

elimination of two-sequence courses and offering required courses in both the spring and fall semesters. (For a complete discussion of the new dean and his plans for IBC, see related article, this page.)

More directly related to the recent University-wide budget cuts, however, was the dismissal of IBC secretary Debra Goldberg. After receiving her "pink slip" on September 4, Goldberg left immediately, using her sick leave for the week that followed. All this despite a job performance described as excellent by her immediate supervisors, co-workers, and the students she served. Since then, the IBC office consolidated her position with that of the secretary to JSS, Shirley R. Auslander. The "new" secretary is beginning to understand the system, but not without hardship. "I will learn it, but I don't know it yet...I am fully up to date, but I am also a

nervous wreck," declares Mrs. Auslander.

Mrs. Auslander only wishes she could be of more help to the students and regrets that she did not have more preparation for the change. "This job was sort of foisted upon me. I was out the day Mrs. Goldberg was fired. I found out first from her; nothing official was handed to me, there was no transfer of information. I just came in one day and Dean Shmidman asked by when could I learn all about IBC. It was just assumed that I would be doing two jobs."

According to the administration, Mrs. Goldberg's discharge was a matter determined before Shmidman's arrival. Dean Shmidman has expressly denied coming in as a "hatchet man." He added, that should additional office staff be required, he "wouldn't be bashful" about asking for it.

Shmidman Replaces Well as Head of IBC

by Shlomo Zwickler

Soon after the announcement of Rabbi Dr. Don Well's departure last semester to head-up the Board of Jewish Education in New York, the administration appointed Rabbi Dr. Michael Shmidman dean of Isaac Breuer College and the James Striar School, placing him at the helm of YU's smaller Jewish studies divisions.

With experience teaching political science at YC in the early sixties, Dr. Shmidman is not new to the Yeshiva U. scene, nor higher education in general. He had a long teaching and administrative career in the City University of New York system, after earning his doctorate in public law and government from Columbia and graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Brooklyn College. He obtained semicha at the Chaim Berlin Yeshiva in Brooklyn, and currently serves as rabbi of Congregation Orach Chaim on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

Although his expertise appears to be greater in administration secular studies, Shmidman is quick to note that his career initially began in

the realm of Judaic studies. "It was not an issue of why I would return [to Jewish studies], but when."

Shmidman's appointment came amid rumors of plans to severely cut IBC, with the probability of its integration into the James Striar School. While acknowledging that University-wide budgetary constraints have affected IBC, the new dean insists that there are no plans to eliminate IBC as a separate undergraduate division. "I heard these terrible rumors about cuts but...the cuts were not that drastic and mostly took place before I came."

While IBC's class schedule was reduced, "fortunately we have preserved most of the courses," maintains Shmidman. "Obviously, to have a meaningful program you must have electives, and in all colleges, electives have less students than required subjects, but one must always be aware of the budget."

Based on consultation with faculty, Shmidman plans to offer more electives in future semesters. He

has set as his primary objective an effort "to enable all students to have a full program," regardless of what shiurim they choose to enter. "It hurts very much to see a graduating senior running around saying I have to take Intro to Bible," asserts Dr.

declined over the past five years. In response, the administration is planning new recruitment efforts, including earmarking particular high schools and Israeli yeshivot "where the student body is self made" for the IBC program. In addition, a particular effort is planned to attract Sephardic students, with the proposal of bringing a Sephardi chacham from Israel to serve as a visiting professor.

Dr. Shmidman claims he is "not guided by rumor," regarding teacher hiring and firing. "One is always looking for qualified people," continues Dean Shmidman, "and sometimes if a person you can get is so good, so very good, you find a position for that person...do you draft for the player or the position? If the player is the right one you find a position for him."

Upon Dr. Well's arrival at YU two years ago, he immediately recognized IBC's position as the main forum for religious Zionism, mainly in terms of approach to learning. He subsequently applied the "draft for

the player" method by soliciting the services of Rav Meir Goldvicht with preliminary designs for a new "Torat Eretz Yisrael" track. While Dr. Shmidman recognizes the advantage of having a Gemara shiur in Hebrew and also plans to enhance philosophy course offerings, he does not see an "official track for it." However, in direct cooperation with YU President Norman Lamm, plans are being drawn up for a new program, in IBC, with alternative credit and course requirements. Dr. Shmidman declined to offer details at this time, saying that the proposal is still under consideration.

When asked for his thoughts about the overall IBC program for undergraduates, the new dean commented: "It is a meaningful program in which a student says 'I have so many hours to dedicate to limudei kodesh, and I wish to do it in a structured manner. At the same time I am a Ben Torah and a part of YU'. We learn the same masechet. We have seder and hachana and chavruta as the yeshiva program does, yes less hours but the trick is to take in, in those hours that we have...that degree of progress."

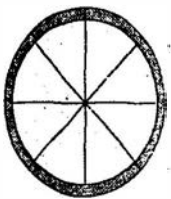


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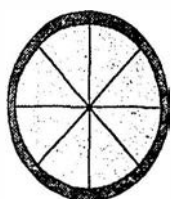
Shmidman.

While he hopes to enhance the course offerings, the new man in charge must also deal with the forever dropping student enrollment in the College. Whereas current numbers are similar to those of the previous semester, IBC's overall student population has significantly

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New Lecturer Joins Poli Sci Dept.

by Michael Eisenberg



Dr. Kenneth Bauzon: Adjunct Professor of Political Science

Dr. Kenneth Bauzon, an expert on Third World politics and Moslem fundamentalism, has been named Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Yeshiva College. Formerly a teacher at Lynchburg College, a private Protestant institution in Virginia, he is the most recent attempt to replace YC's previous international affairs authority, Dr. Bernard Firestone. Dr. Bauzon is returning to lecture after spending last year editing a book on development and democratization in the Far East.

Department of Political Science chair, Dr. Ruth Bevan, expressed her enthusiasm about Bauzon's arrival. "He will bring a fresh and invigorating point of view to the department," she says. "We are delighted to have him."

Hailing from the Philippines, Bauzon had little contact with Jews as a youth. He relates that he once thought Jews looked different than other people. Ironically, the professor who reinforced Bauzon's decision to major in Political Science was a Jewish Peace Corps volunteer. "One of the attractions of YU is the opportunity to

be exposed to and learn about Jews and Jewish culture. . . [as well as] the opportunity to cross the fence and see the Jewish perspective on issues that affect both Moslems and Jews."

Many of Bauzon's class discussions will go far beyond mere "book knowledge." He has a special kind of insight derived from his own personal experiences working as a student activist under martial law in the Philippines. Bauzon expresses optimism that his time here will be an education for him as well: "I came to teach, debate with, and learn from this class."

Then and Now

by [Name]

This past summer, I spent some time in a side street in the Old City of Jerusalem. This street was lined with the offices of several committees that were active in the rest of society and culture and education. As I stared at them, I wondered what it would be like to live in that city, to be able to breeze some point in the past and some future.

But then it hit me. I thought back to two years which I had spent in Yeshiva College. During my stay at that Yeshiva, I developed a close relationship with both Yeshiva and the land of Israel. My time here was spent in an Israeli setting, and I can understand why I thought of it as a utopian setting.

A month before my departure, I was particularly interested in the Yeshiva. The entire Yeshiva was in a state of uncertainty because of the election of Shimon Peres as Prime Minister. Some of the Yeshiva's members were in a state of confusion, and I was not sure what to do. I was in a state of confusion, and I was not sure what to do.

These who have spent time in other Yeshivot in Israel or America know how valuable that time has been. Are there no proper use of the YU program, and are students to become more independent in their Jewish values and expand to other areas which they might not have dreamed while in Yeshiva Yeshiva. Living in the past, while at Yeshiva University often sounds "back," but this is not the whole picture. It is the past of Yeshiva time. As long as you are here, I wish you much success in adjusting to the present, and in choosing an approach to study conducive to maximum religious and academic growth.

"Do not say, 'How was it last summer times were better than these?' For this is not a question prompted by wisdom (Kohler 7:10)."

Computer Corner

by Yitzchak Hollander

In the past few years, as technology has advanced and prices have dropped, personal computers have proliferated in the YC dormitories. More students than ever are using word processors, spreadsheets, databases, and other applications.

With this progress, however, comes the problem of computer viruses. Viruses, roughly defined, are small programs which can copy themselves from disk to disk, with a potential for destroying or corrupting data. Any floppy disk or hard disk drive is susceptible to a virus attack.

Another frequent problem which occurs with floppy disks is sudden data corruption. This can be the result of user abuse or a defective disk.

Several common sense precautionary measures can be taken which will lessen the risk of virus attack and of unanticipated disk failure:

- 1) Do not bend a floppy disk. Keep your disks in their jackets when not in use. On 3 1/2 inch disks, do not slide the metal cover unnecessarily. Do not place disks near any appliance with a magnetic component such as a telephone, television, radio, etc.
- 2) Regularly use a virus scanning program such as VIRUSCAN, FLUSHOT, NORTON ANTIVIRUS, or another reliable product. These programs are capable of finding and removing viruses from floppy disks or hard disk drives.
- 3) Maintain at least one recent backup of all your data. This may mean an investment in floppy disks, or even a tape backup, but it is worthwhile. This is the best insurance against disk drive failure of any sort.
- 4) The best method to secure a floppy disk from viruses is to write-protect it. For 5 1/4 inch diskettes, place a small strip of tape over the small square notch on the side of the disk. For 3 1/2 inch diskettes, slide the piece of plastic in the top corner of the disk so that a square hole appears.

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Tannenbaum Tight

by Joey Nussbaum

As the YP program has grown by nearly sixty percent over the past decade, so has the number of "homeless" students lacking a regular place for seder. Plans to rectify this situation are now being reviewed.

Presently, the Harry Fischel Beit Midrash seats approximately 300; the smaller Beit Midrash in Furst Hall holds about 120. However, as YP and RIETS administrator Rabbi Chaim Bronstein explains, these 450 seats fall considerably short of the amount needed. Rabbi Bronstein provides the following figures that illustrate the problem: There are over 800 people involved in the Yeshiva Program in some way. 550 students are registered in YP; RIETS enrollment stands at about 220. Of this large group, about 600 are present on a daily basis, leaving at least 150 people without seats. Many of these people learn in classrooms, but many others become discouraged and remain in the dormitory during seder.

The problem of overcrowding is not entirely new and the administration has begun to seek ways to alleviate it. A committee of students met with the administration a few times during the past year to discuss possible solutions. Century Design, an architectural firm, was also consulted to help deal with the issue.

One proposal involves new tables and chairs, as well as a different layout in the main Beit Midrash. This arrangement would increase its capacity by 70 seats. A second plan calls for the construction of another small Beit Midrash in place of the classrooms currently located across the hall from the main Beit Midrash.

Rabbi Bronstein explained that there are a number of complications with both proposed expansions. Raising the necessary funding may be problematic. Also, YP's current rate of growth would necessitate another expansion in just a few years. Lastly, the displacement of the shiurim which now occupy the Tannenbaum classroom would present yet another obstacle.

The matter is still being internally reviewed by the administration and as of yet, no decision has been made. Further meetings with the student committee are expected, and a final resolution should be forthcoming. If approval is granted, Mr. Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Services, predicts that only two to three months would be required to complete all the necessary changes.

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because as he points out, "without our students as customers, they have a limited clientele."

Another reason he advances for the opening of the store is that "the dining club plan is a plan where...there is an expectation on the student which is to spend x amount of dollars, the expectation on the part of the University is that we provide service to warrant that. So that if we didn't offer the student as much as we could in terms of variety of food, extended hours, etc. then it would be a one way deal." This new store, he continued, is one way to improve the services provided by the Caf. In addition, Rosengarten maintains that this new format shortens lines in the Caf during meal times. However, he did not address the issue of an additional class on the meal plan which enlarges the number of caf patrons, thereby further lengthening lines once again.

While most students agree that competition is a good thing for the community, many are worried about the Halachik implications of the opening of the new store. According to Rabbi Yitzchak Blau, mashgiach ruchani of the Yeshiva, "I can compete with you if we can both survive but if you come and you're just here to put me out of business...this is a Din Torah which has taken place on this issue...but it's not automatic [that the defendant is guilty]." However, he hastened to add, "it's

not a problem like certain times when I can't eat there because I think I'm doing something wrong."

However, for the time being it seems that the only action Haber and Raskin are taking is the reopening of the Pizza Plus store on the corner of 184th Street and Amsterdam Avenue. That store, a fixture on campus for many years, closed down last May after failing an inspection by the Health Department. After undergoing renovations over the summer, it is opening for business once again this week.

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maintains that no decisions have been made as per faculty, the possibility of changes in SSSB looms.

The proposed modifications include lower salaries for professors, larger course loads, and less emphasis on active research. Dean Schiff, however, does not believe that these are major adjustments. "The increase in the teaching load is not that significant and it won't impact so much on their research."

SSSB is clearly trying to cut costs, but Grossberg does not think that this is the right way to do it. "This is a shortsighted plan. We were building a good program here, one that could attract corporate grants such as the Mitsui grant and private donations." On the cause of the shakeup, Grossberg maintains that "the driving force is economic as well as philosophic. The professor's main responsibility is, I believe, to teach and not to do research...I believe the students will lose out in the long run."

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Top 10 Draft Picks-Intramural Basketball 1991-1992

Team	Player	Hometown
1. Mavericks	Jason Horowitz	Lawrence, NY
2. Bullets	Israel Wallach	Flatbush, NY
3. Magic	Moshe Benarosh	Los Angeles, CA
4. Heat	Avi Savitsky	Hewlett, NY
5. Hornets	Yoav Citron	Englewood, NJ
6. Clippers	Micah May	Pittsburgh, PA
7. Nuggets	Craig Kombluth	Hollywood, FL
8. Magic	Yehuda Appel	Jamaica Estates, NY
9. Nets	Yoni Epstein	Miami, FL
10. Kings	Dov Deutsch	Canarsie, NY

Intramurals Season Underway

by Daniel Goldberg

Due to the tireless efforts of co-commissioners Eric Melzer, Ronnie Aranoff, and Jonny Shore, the annual intramural basketball draft took place on October 9 and the season commenced at the beginning of last week.

The draft began when Abraham Cohen, captain of the Mavericks, chose Jason Horowitz, a selection that many pre-draft predictors

guessed correctly. Daniel Goldberg (Bullets) followed by selecting former M.T.A. star Israel Wallach. With the third pick, Ronnie Aranoff (Magic) selected top rebounder Moshe Benarosh. Moshe Zwebner (Heat) quickly snatched Avi Savitsky at pick number four. Jonny Shore (Hornets) next opted for Yoav Citron, a scoring center. The selections which rounded out the

first round were: Micah May, Craig Kombluth, Yehuda Appel, Yoni Epstein, and Dov Deutsch.

This year, the commissioners decided to order reversible jerseys for the players. When asked why jerseys were needed, Melzer responded, "We need to make intramurals as close to the NBA as possible. This is also why we instituted 20-second time outs."

The Commentator wishes Mazal Tov to former Macs Coach, Bernard "Red" Sarachek, on being inducted to the New York City Basketball Hall of Fame.

Hockey Sticks

by Jason Muss

Many enthusiastic ex-high school hockey stars were shocked to hear from "reliable sources" that for some unforeseen reason, intramural hockey leagues at YC were to be cancelled.

Dr. Gil Shevlin, Athletic Director, stated, "Any cancellation would result from conflict with MTA varsity practice. However, I know of no conflict at this point." He also explained that there was no underlying problem with hockey that would lead to a discontinuation of the league.

What change occurred to generate the speculation that hockey would be cancelled? Dr. Shevlin mentioned that the MTA Lions used to practice in the Junior High School on 182nd Street. However, problems arose at that location because

the school is being converted to a community center. As a result, the MTA basketball team needs the Tannenbaum Gym as an alternative facility. Yet, unlike other YC activities such as fencing and karate, hockey intramurals first begin at 10:30 p.m. This is presumably later than any MTA basketball practice would last.

The person ultimately in charge of the Tannenbaum Gym, Rabbi George B. Finkelstein, quashed rumors of hockey cancellations: "We are willing to have any of our facilities open to the use of the entire YU community, a courtesy that surely extends to hockey."

Sign ups for intramural hockey are currently taking place, outside the MSAC Office.



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Rothman and Macs Ready for Action

by Ronnie Aranoff
and Eric Melzer

Interviewing the captain of the Basketball Macs has become something of an annual tradition, and The Commentator is proud to present a profile of the current captain, Elisha Rothman.

Rothman's tremendous basketball ability was obvious even at an early age. He was a star of the Los Angeles playgrounds and served as captain of his high school basketball team, the YULA Panthers. After spending a year at Yeshivat Shaalvim, Rothman came to YC and immediately played himself into the hearts of the entire coaching staff. Through his versatility as a player (Rothman can play three different positions), he pushed himself up to the level of the seniors and quickly got the playing time he deserved. One aspect of Rothman's game to catch Coach Jonathan Halpert by surprise is his extreme intensity on the court and success at rallying his teammates toward victory. He was thus chosen as the third captain from L.A. in six years (Lance Hirt and David Gottlieb preceded him).

Rothman's talents have been recognized outside of YU as well. In February 1990, the Macs' new captain was recognized as Independent Athletic Conference Rookie of the Week, a very prestigious honor.

Rothman's skills, however, are not limited to his play on the court. He is an Economics major and continues to maintain a 3.9+ GPA. This surely puts him in the running for an Academic All American Honor.

Rothman comments that the team is thrilled that Western Connecticut, a perennial I.A.C. powerhouse, is no longer in the I.A.C. Conference. He feels that this will eliminate a difficult game for the Macs and can only help their pursuit of another E.C.A.C. bid. When asked about a possible return to

and improvement on last year's fine E.C.A.C. performance, Rothman was quite enthusiastic and named a number of "big games" that would determine the Macs' success this season. He said that, "the five key games are New Jersey Tech at home, Mt. St. Vincent at home, and the three games versus city schools. We run neck and neck with Mt. St. Vincent for a playoff berth, N.J.I.T. is the top team in the I.A.C., and the 3 city schools have numerous outstanding athletes on their teams." Additionally, Rothman noted that there is much excitement around YU as tickets for the game versus NYU at Madison Square Garden on March 2, 1992 will soon go on sale.

Concerning changes from last year, Rothman feels that the Macs will miss Eric Davis and Jon Rosner, but that they will continue to run and press. Rothman notes that the Macs will also miss the talents of Baruki Cohen, a 6'4" forward who has chosen to return to Israel at least until January. Cohen, a good defensive rebounder, a fine passer, and an excellent shooter, added much to the team last year.

Rothman was uncertain as to who will make the team this year, but he said that many talented players will be fighting for spots and playing time. He noted that the air is filled with rumors of the return of last year's tri-captain, Greg Rhine. Rhine, a starting guard on last year's team, may return for fifth year eligibility. This leads to many questions: Where will he fit in? Will he start? Has his knee fully healed?

According to Rothman, the Macs will need a high caliber of play and selflessness on everyone's part in order to win. He also said that better outlet passing and a more structured fast break will be necessary. Keep checking the MSAC bulletin board for the Macs schedule.

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